1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	West Bengal					
16	Teesta LD St-lll 4 X 33	Central/ NHPC.	132	30.10.2003	Rs. 768.92 crs. at 12/2002 P.L.	2006-07 ,
	Arunachal Pradesh					
17	Subansirl Lower 8 x250	Central/ NHPC	2000	09.09.2003	Rs. 6285.33 crs at 12/2002 P.L.	2010-11
18	Kameng 4 X 150	Central/ NEEPCO	600	02.12.2004	Rs. 2496.90 crs. at 3/2004 P.L.	2009-10
	Meghalaya					
19	Myntdu 2 X42	State	84	09.06.2003	Rs. 363.10 crs. at 1/99 P.L.	2007-08
	TOTAL		8340		35634.15	

Functioning of NTC Mills

†*39. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have decided to continue in future the 55 mills out of 119 mills of the National Textile Corporation;

(b) If not, the facts thereof; and

(c) The total loss estimated to be incurred by Government in respect of the non profit making mills by March 2004?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) Rehabilitation Scheme approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) suggested revival of 53 NTC mills with resources generated from the sale of surplus assets. NTC has so far spent Rs. 269 Crore on organizational restructuring and on renovation of the machinery in these mills.

How/ever, all these 53 mills continue to sustain losses and depend on Government Budgetary support for meeting cost of wages. They have sustained an operational loss of Rs. 339.41 Crore in the year 2003-04. In many of these mills, employees have been requesting for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). Besides, adequate Funds for modernization of

†Orlginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the machinery could not be mobilized, as the State Governments of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh had not yet giving permission for the sale of surplus lands.

In the above scenario with a view to quicken the revival process, the Government has proposed to BIFR to permit modernization of the 15 mills in the first instance and to attempt modernization through a strategic private partner in other mills. Government has also approved the NTC proposal to offer VRS In mills where there is a demand for the same from employees.

Production of export quality tea in Uttaranchal

*40. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that export quality tea is produced in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the action plan Government are formulating with the collaboration of the State Government to enhance the production thereof;

(c) whether any target has been set for the production of export quality tea in Uttaranchal by the end of the ongoing Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the assistance to be provided by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Uttaranchal has established a Tea Development Board for the development of tea indsutry in the State. Tea Board has also set up an office at Almora to provide guidance and financial assistance for various developmental activities. For enhancing the production of tea in Uttaranchal, the State Government has identified 9000 hectares for planting tea over a period of 15 years commencing from 2003. Processing factories are proposed to be set up with the involvement of private entrepreneurs. Further, in order to rejuvenate the old tea areas in the State, the Uttaranchal Tea Development Board has set up a committee of which an official of the Tea Board is also a member.